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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 20, 2001

APPLICATION OF

METTEL OF VA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000200

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity  
to provide local exchange  
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On October 6, 2000, MetTel of VA, Inc. ("MetTel" or "Applicant"), completed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

By Order dated November 21, 2000, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to MetTel's application.

By motion filed on January 8, 2001, MetTel requested that the Commission establish a new schedule for MetTel to serve

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<sup>1</sup> The original application requested both local exchange and interexchange authority. The filing was subsequently amended to request only local exchange authority since the Applicant's interexchange services will be provided on a resold basis.

notice on carriers and for it to file proof of having served such notice. On January 10, 2001, the Commission granted that motion and directed MetTel to give notice to carriers by January 11, 2001, and provide proof of such notice and service by January 18, 2001. In that Order, the Commission also extended the dates for the filing of Comments, Notices of Protest, Protests, and Testimony.

On January 9, 2001, MetTel filed proof of publication, as required by the November 21, 2000, Order for Notice and Hearing. On January 17, 2001, MetTel filed proof of service on all local exchange and interexchange carriers certificated in Virginia, as required by the January 10, 2001, Order Granting Motion to Prescribe New Notice to Carriers.

On January 30, 2001, the Staff filed its report finding that MetTel's application was in compliance with 20 VAC 5-400-180, the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules"). Based upon its review of MetTel's application and audited financial statements, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant a local exchange certificate to MetTel.

A hearing was conducted on February 13, 2001. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection. No public witnesses appeared at the hearing.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that MetTel should be granted a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout Virginia.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) MetTel of VA, Inc., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-541, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Local Rules, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) MetTel shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers herein placed in the file for ended causes.